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EXAMINING GROUP 1713
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuyuki TANAKA et al. Conf.: 5656
Appl. No.: 08/941,132 Group: 1713
Filed: September 30, 1997 Examiner: F. Zitomer
For: MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2004

Sir:

During a search of the PTO PAIR website, Applicants noted that the Amendment filed October 31, 2003 has not been entered into the official file. Accordingly, enclosed are: a) a copy of the October 31, 2003 Amendment; and b) the stamped postcard receipt.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents as soon as possible.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq., (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to

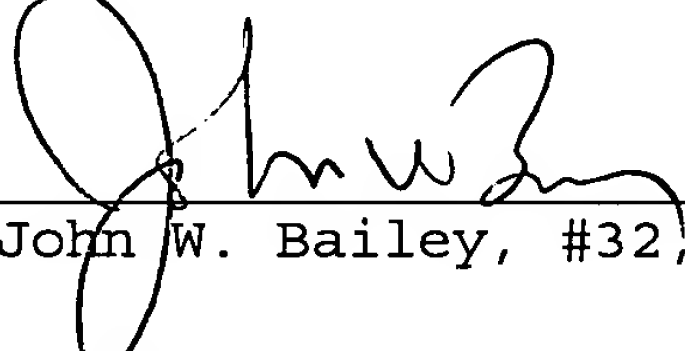
conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


Respectfully submitted,

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